

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over applicant's allegedly admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of KR 1999-0058889 (KR889) or USPN 6,191,881 to *Tajima*.

Status of the Claims

Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 13 and 20, and has added claims 21-22.

Accordingly, claims 1-22 are presently pending.

The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

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With respect to independent claims 1 and 13, as amended, Applicant respectfully asserts that AAPA, KR889 and *Tajima*, whether taken singly or combined, do not teach or suggest a combination including a common line, a common electrode and a pixel electrode wherein the common electrode and the pixel electrode define concentric ring-shaped apertures with the common electrode connected to the common line and the pixel electrode overlapping the common line. The Office Action recognizes that AAPA does not disclose these features. However, Applicant respectfully that KR889 and *Tajima* also do not disclose these features. For

example, the pixel electrodes of either of KR889 and *Tajima* do not overlap any structure that can be considered to be a common line.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of independent claims 1 and 13, as amended, should be withdrawn because the applied art, whether taken singly or combined, does not teach or suggest each and every element of the claims, as amended. Further, Applicant respectfully asserts that dependent claims 2-12 and 14-20 are allowable at least because of their respective dependencies from independent claims 1 and 13, as amended, and the reasons set forth above.

New Claims 21-22

Applicant has added new claims 21-22 to further define the invention. Applicant respectfully submit that the applied art does not disclose the features recited in new claims 21-22. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 21-22 are allowable because of the features recited therein as well as their respective dependencies from independent claims 1 and 13, as amended, and the reasons set forth above.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time

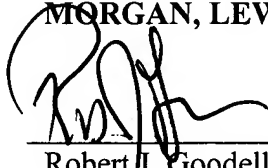
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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